



Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo Newsletter



#80 Lay Rector Tom Wachtel tells experiences since his Cursillo weekend

I was asked to say a few words about Cursillo and me.

Let me start by telling you a little about myself. I retired from my job of some 25 years. After spending a year trying to decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life, I decided to move to Arkansas. My wife Peggy and I looked around the state and decided on a rural setting in Hot Springs Village. Being from Arkansas, I was probably more motivated than my Fort Worth-native wife was.

After moving in and getting somewhat settled, we received an invitation to visit Holy Trinity from Sandra Powers. My sister, Juddie, took us to this small church in the village.

After about five or six months we were approached and asked to attend some kind of a weekend retreat up on the mountain. Having not regularly attended church, I was somewhat reluctant. However, several other church members encouraged us and Peggy seemed to want to do this, so I went.

It was April 2004, Cursillo #69. WOW, what a weekend....scared, happy, sad, excited, were just some of the many feelings I experienced during that weekend. I met many people from all over Arkansas;

many I stay in touch with. So, what has happened since then???

Well first, I started attending a weekly reunion group meeting. Every week since 2004 we have met. Then, I started reading several daily meditations. Also, I was asked to attend some type of prison ministry similar to our Cursillo, which I politely, but quickly refused. After a couple more requests, I finally agreed to do one, just one, to get these guys to shut up. So I went to one. That was some 11 or 12 weekend walks ago. I haven't missed one since 2005. Next, came the monthly 8:30 Prayer Group that meets on the first Friday of each month at our church.

After that, I got involved with Community of Hope chaplains, so Peggy and I could make visits together. The chaplains take turns visiting people in hospitals, nursing homes or shut-ins; what a neat experience.

Oh yeah, better not forget the weekly trips to our new Project Hope Food Bank in Hot Springs. A few of us spend Mondays unloading/unpacking food, helping fill orders to various food pantries, picking up food, bread, etc. Sort of like another weekly reunion group.

Not bad for a little old boy from Arkansas who had been unchurched for many years.

My biggest thrill is meeting/knowing/spending time with people on their 4th day Christian walk. And I know the best is yet to come.

God bless you... and

ULTREYA!!!!
Tom Wachtel

PS. My foot dragging marks are still visible going up that mountaintop road....



**Cursillo #80 Lay
Rector Tom
Wachtel**

Register now for Cursillo #80
being held at Camp Mitchell
on April 7-10
Tom Wachtel, lay rector

Cursillo #80 is limited to 12 candidates, so
get your registration in early.
Registration details on page 2

Final regular issue: *Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo Newsletter* becomes totally electronic

The Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo newsletter will be totally electronic starting with the Fall 2011 issue. **To continue to receive a PRINTED copy you MUST fill out and return the form below.** If you want to receive notification when a newsletter is posted to the Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo website or to receive other pertinent information, please provide your email address in the following manner:

Simply go to the Arkansas Cursillo website: <http://www.cursillo-ar.com/> At the bottom of the home page click on the link "Sign Up for Arkansas Cursillo Email." When you do this a form will appear for you to complete. That's all there is to it. Easy! If you have already been receiving Arkansas Cursillo email, then you are on the list.

At the bottom of the page of email correspondence in the future there will be a link entitled "Update Your Profile." If your email address should change, you move or get a new phone number, you can keep us updated about you by submitting your new information. It is only by your updating your profile that you will continue to receive Cursillo email. If you should forget you can always go to the Cursillo website and sign up again.

The Cursillo contact list is not shared or distributed to other entities so you will have no worry about ending up on someone's spam list. **If you have not already been receiving Cursillo email, please take a moment to sign up NOW.** If you have questions or problems please contact Sam Koenig at sam.koenig3@gmail.com or by mailing to him at P.O. Box 999, Fort Smith, AR 72902

**I want to continue to receive a printed copy of the
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Name _____

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**After completion, please return this form to:
Sam Koenig, PO Box 999, Fort Smith AR 72902.
You can also send this information to Sam via email at:
sam.koenig3@gmail.com**

Send Cursillo #80 applications ASAP
The April 7-10 Cursillo weekend is limited to 12 candidates, so send applications in soon. The deadline for candidate and sponsor forms to be received by the registrar is March 30. Candidate and sponsor registration forms can be downloaded from the Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo website:

www.cursillo-ar.com

Registration fees are \$200 per person and checks should be made payable to "Episcopal Cursillo in Arkansas."

Send forms and fees to:

**Betty Seymour, Registrar,
 Episcopal Cursillo in Arkansas,
 4804 Hampton Road,
 N Little Rock AR 72116.**

For more information, contact Betty Seymour at (501) 319-7576 or (501) 993-9886; or Tom Wachtel at: 501-915-8859.

Join us for Agape & Pre-Clausura on Sat., April 9

Team #79 invites all Cursillistas to join us on Sat., April 9, to prepare the Agape Feast for Cursillo #80. The Agape Team will gather at Canterbury House at 3:00 p.m. on the 9th.

The cost to stay at Canterbury House Saturday night is \$25.00 per person (linens are provided). Canterbury House is located about one-half mile west of the main entrance to Camp Mitchell on Highway 155. Watch for the sign on the left, going west.

If you can't join us Saturday night, join us for the Pre-Clausura from 2:00–3:30 pm Sunday afternoon at Canterbury prior to the 4 p.m. Clausura in the Chapel. All musicians are welcome to come and bring your instruments. Safe travel!

If you plan to join us let us know so we can tell you what kind of food or drink to bring.

Contact: .

Leona Prothero, 479-443-5925, pnlprothero@sbcglobal.net



Come to 4th Day Fiesta May 7 10am to 3pm at Holy Trinity, Hot Springs Village

Directions from North (via Russellville & Hwy 7)

- ◆ At Russellville, take Hwy 7 South for approximately 60 miles to Hot Springs Village
- ◆ Turn left at signal light on De Soto Blvd.
- ◆ Stop at gate house; give them your name; tell them that you are going to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and that you have directions
- ◆ Proceed east on De Soto Blvd approximately 4 miles to Carmona Road
- ◆ Turn left at caution light and proceed to Barcelona Road, then turn right on Barcelona Road to entrance to Holy Trinity

Directions from East and Little Rock

- ◆ At Little Rock follow IH30 west toward Texarkana; at Benton exit 117 take AR 5/AR 35 and merge onto service road,
- ◆ Turn right on AR 5 toward Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village (~18 miles) Turn right on De Soto Blvd and east entrance to Hot Springs Village
- ◆ Stop at gate house; give them your name, tell them that you are going to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and tell them that you have directions
- ◆ Proceed on De Soto Blvd approximately 11 miles to Carmona Road
- ◆ Turn right at caution light and proceed to Barcelona Road, then turn right onto Barcelona Road to entrance to Holy Trinity

**If you get lost or "turned around" call either
 501-922-0299 or 501-922-1411 and we will help you find your way.**

Registration fee is \$10 for each person to defray the cost of lunch. To register send your name and address, with the total number of people attending and a check for \$10 each person. You may pay at the door, but let us know if you plan to attend so we will know how many lunches to provide.

Send registration to

**Betty Seymour, registrar, Episcopal Cursillo in Arkansas,
 4804 Hampton Road, N Little Rock AR 72116
 (Make check to: Episcopal Cursillo in Arkansas.**

Cursillo Contributions

Becky Ibison

Jo Ann Mikell

Harold McDowell
 in memory of Mary Ware

Juddie Wachtel
 in memory of Mary Ware

John Cross
 in memory of Mary Ware

Larry and Laura Shoffner
 in honor of John and Gloria Burton

Contributions may be made to the glory of God in any of the following ways:

- ◆ In prayerful thanksgiving for Cursillo
- ◆ In thanksgiving for (event or individual)
- ◆ A memorial in honor of . . .
- ◆ The Scholarship Fund

Send contributions to:

*Jim Estes, treasurer
 Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo
 5559 Gunnison Avenue, Springdale AR 72762*

Help others grow

Contribute to Scholarship Fund

Partial scholarships will be granted by the Secretariat from a Scholarship Fund that was started in 2009. Donations from individuals, Ultreyas and churches will help grow this Christian Community.

Send to:

*Jim Estes, treasurer,
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 5559 Gunnison Avenue, Springdale AR 72762*

Pan Adams-McCaslin, Erin Dalton, Hal Schulz join Secretariat in mid-March; Jim Estes replaces resigning member

Beginning mid-March three new members join the Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat, replacing those whose terms expire in February. Secretariat members serve three-year terms, and must be off at least one year before serving again.

The new members, pending appointment by Bishop Larry Benfield, include Hal Schultz, Erin Dalton, and Pan Adams-McCaslin. In addition, Jim Estes is serving a two-year term,

replacing Farrah Fielder, who has resigned.

Retiring members include John Prewitt, Shannon Stone and Kathy Tynes. John served as chairman during 2010 and Kathy served as secretary during 2009.

Jim will serve as treasurer of the Secretariat. Charles Hood will be the chairman during 2011 and Leona Prothero will continue to serve as secretary.

Cursillo website keeps you up-to-date

For the latest information about Arkansas Cursillo go to:

www.cursillo-ar.com.

Joyce Dalton, 55jaldalton@gmail.com, is webmaster.



Sponsors keep these guidelines in mind

Select someone who will return to his or her parish to witness to how the Holy Spirit works in their life. The aim of Cursillo is to develop people who will be active in the Fourth Day.

A candidate for Cursillo must be a member of the Episcopal Church, according to National Episcopal Cursillo guidelines. They should be mature, emotionally stable and seek to do God's work in the church and the world.

A sponsor should explain what Cursillo is about and what they can expect during the weekend. (Even if you told them about palanca they won't "get it" until they get it.)

Help a candidate understand the costs involved with a weekend and that scholarships are often available through the local parish or Ultreya.

Provide the application forms and help him or her fill them out, get the parish priest's signature and send the application, along with the sponsor's form, to the Registrar*

Pray for the candidate during each step of the process: while you are considering her or him as a candidate, while waiting for the weekend, during the weekend, and as the person begins to live into the Fourth Day.

Take the candidate to the mountain; offer to take care of pets, children or aged parents. Attend Clausura to welcome him or her to the Fourth Day. Drive new Cursillista(s) home; they will be elated and may want to share experiences with you.

Help your new Cursillista find a Reunion Group.

Note: see Registrar information on page 2



A Cursillo shirt makes perfect sponsor gift

An Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo (AEC) shirt would be a great gift to the person you sponsor! You need one too!

Sizes range from adult S through XXL in three shirt styles:

- Short-sleeve T-shirts are white with a three-color AEC shield embroidered on the left shoulder -\$15.
- Long-sleeve Ts are white with three-color silk screen AEC shield on the front -\$15.
- Sweatshirts are navy blue with a white silk screen AEC shield on the front -\$18.

Look for shirts for sale at Camp Mitchell after the Clausura on April 10 and at the 4th Day Fiesta at Holy Trinity in Hot Springs Village on May 7. Or order by mail by sending the price of the shirt plus \$4 postage to:

Gail Kirkland, 705 Slope Rd., Conway AR 72034; 501-339-3601; gkirkland@conwaycorp.net

Be sure to include your name, address, phone and/or email, shirt style and size.



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Palanca for Candidates

For an updated list of Cursillo #80 candidates for palanca go to:
<http://www.cursillo-ar.com>

Click on "Palanca List." The list is updated as candidates register for the weekend.

Please print the list and provide to people in your parish who may not have access to the Internet..

Want to be on a team? Send in an application

To be picked for a team you need a current application on file with the registrar. You need to renew your application every two years. Team application forms can be downloaded from the Arkansas Episcopal Cursillo website:

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Send team application forms to:
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Please do palanca for both team and candidates
with extra for last-minute candidates!